

Dating Preparations Case 1: Yoshino

Yoshino stood in front of the large mirror in her room uneasily. Her one-piece dress had no wrinkles. Her hair did not have any strands that were out of place. After examining every part of her body carefully, she put the large brimmed sunhat on her head and turned around once in front of the mirror.

She was wearing clothes that she liked very much as well as the hat that she cherished. Every inch of her body was clean, and there was no problem at all. But for some reason she became extremely jumpy, repeatedly inspecting her garments.

"I say, Yoshino. You're still not done yet? It's almost time already..."

Just as Yoshino was about to repeat the same thing again, Yoshinon the rabbit puppet in her left hand opened its mouth and voiced out in displeasure.

"Ah... I'm sorry, Yoshinon but... I don't look... weird, do I...?"

"There's no problem. After all, it's just going next door to eat.. But Yoshino, you'd always do this everytime we're about to go to Shido-kun's house."

"...! T-that's not true....."

"Is that so?"

"U, uuh....." Yoshino groaned and pulled down on her hat, trying to hide her face away.

Yoshinon could only shrug.

"If you like him that much, then Yoshino you should just take the lead and ask him out. Won't that just solve everything?"

"! Th, that sort of thing— I can't do it..."

"Eh, but you really want to go on a date with Shido-kun right?"

"Th, that's true... I really want to go on a date with him... but..."

Just as Yoshino said that line, the corner of Yoshinon's mouth rose. It then rummaged around its stomach before finally extracting a small device.

"... ! Th, that is..."

"Hehe, this is a recording device! I asked Reine-san to teach me how to use it. I've recorded what you've said just now~."

"... !"

Yoshino held her breath, making attempts to snatch the recorder. However, Yoshinon nimbly moved its body, evading Yoshino's hand.

"Yo——Yoshinon!"

"Leave everything to me! I, Yoshinon, will make use of this to ask Shido-kun on a date for you!"

"Y, you can't!" Yoshino said in panic as she finally managed to snatch the recorder from Yoshinon. This victory however, was at the cost of her hair becoming a mess and her clothes becoming wrinkled all over.

But despite all of that, even though he was shocked upon seeing Yoshino in that state, Shido simply said "You look cute."



Dating Preparations Case 2: Kotori Itsuka

".....Hm——"

Kotori was inside the office of <Ratatoskr>, staring at the black and white ribbons placed on the desk while making a troubled sound.

Needless to say, because the two different types of ribbons were placed on the desk, the current Kotori did not tie her hair up. her long hair covered her back past her shoulders, creating a different air to her compared to her usual self.

Just as Kotori hugged her head while in a loss, the door to the office suddenly opened.

".....Kotori, regarding this case.....hm?"

Reine spoke as she walking into the room.

"!"

Kotori held her breath, grabbing the black ribbons on the table, tied up her hair with amazing speed.

"Rei, Reine.....You ought to knock before entering."

".....Hm? Aahh, sorry. I forgot.Then again, what were you doing?"

"Ugh....."

Kotori began to stutter, but it was useless to keep it a secret from Reine. She shrugged her shoulders and sighed.

".....Tomorrow, I'm going shopping with Shido, but I don't know which ribbon to wear."

Kotori had imposed two different personalities upon herself. She was the innocent little sister when the white ribbons were worn and she would be the strong commander when black ribbons were worn.

However, it's precisely because of this.....after Shido had witnessed Kotori with her two distinct personalities, she felt lost whenever she were to go out with him. If she wore her white ribbons she could be believed to be acting coy.....but she may be seen to be too harsh on him if she were to wear her black ribbons.

After Kotori finished saying her piece, Reine felt troubled as she scratched her cheek.

".....Actually it doesn't matter doesn't it? If you can't make a decision no matter what, then just close your eyes and choose one."

"What you say is true.....but....."

".....Is your older brother the sort of man that would hate his little sister for the colour of her ribbons?"

".....!"

After hearing Reine's words, Kotori's eyes widened.....quickly shrugging her shoulders.

"You're right, I was thinking too much."

Saying that, Kotori untied the black ribbons that were on her head and placed them beside the white ribbons, mixing them up after closing her eyes.

"Now, which one should I.....choose!"

After grabbing the ribbons, she opened her eyes.

".....Ah."

In her hands.....were two ribbons, one black another white.

".....In this situation, what will come out of it then?"

Reine tilted her head in wonder.



Dating Preparations Case 3: Origami Tobiichi

After the practice battle in the base. Once the feeling of fatigue eased from using the personal territory, Origami slowly stood up. In order to remove her battle suit, she made her way towards her locker at a snail's pace.

If she had used her emergency clothes changing unit, changing would only be a split second, however that unit would only be used during emergencies, that's because using it results in a massive burden on the brain. Origami would not use it if she could help it.

Just as Origami reached her own locker, she noticed that quite a number of her teammates had reached there before her. They were all teammates that had participated in the practice battle just now.

Origami lightly raised her hand in greeting, after which she opened her own locker, taking out her clothes and bag. Soon after, her teammates on both sides glanced at her clothes.

"Eh? Master Sergeant Tobiichi, it seems like your clothes have been specially picked today."

"Ah, it's true. Your bag is cute too. "

Origami nodded her head casually.

"Today I have a date after this."

As soon as Origami ended her words, the young team members cried out.

"Waah, really? Eh—hold on, I thought only Master Sergeant, you would never be conquered by a guy—"

"Squad Leader! I suggest that we conduct a check on Master Sergeant Tobiichi's personal belongings!"

"Hm, approved!"

With permission granted the AST members all crowded around. Although Origami had no intention of hiding her relationship with Shido. Origami did not make any attempts of resistance at all, she handed her bag over.

However after a few seconds. The team members who originally had eyes sparkling with expectations soon had troubled expressions.

"U-um.....Master Sergeant Tobiichi. This small bottle is....."

"It's used to mix inside his food. One drop will increase his energy by a hundred fold."

"Then this liquid that gives off such a pungent odour is....."

"In cases of emergency, I'll soak a cloth with that and cover his nose and mouth with it."

"Th, this pair of handcuffs and masking tape is....."

"In case I need to use it"

".....Then, I'll reconfirm it once more, you are going on a——"

"Date."

"....."

The AST members all fell into silence.

Origami had no idea about the meanings behind their words, she continued to change while tilting her head in wonder.

